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Love Letter

Love Token Society Newsletter

A Standing Liberty, Indian Head Love Token
Ernie Turnes



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My wife and I moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C. in the summer of 2005. There are many things to like here, but an abundance of coin shops, shows and clubs is not among them. But you do find coin dealers at flea markets, where I often ask about love tokens and counter stamped coins. I'm seldom successful in finding pieces I like, but recently I came across a very unusual engraved coin. It is a Type 2 Standing Liberty quarter (which, in itself, makes it unusual) with an Indian chief's head engraved on the coin's obverse. The coin was then cut around the head so the shape of the coin is the shape of the head. The dealer gave me his price, at which time I gave him mine and he accepted. (Other than a Love Token collector, I'm not sure who would add such a piece to his collection.)

It is one of the more unusual pieces in my collection, which is why I purchased it. I'd love to know the story behind it.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Funds		
Balance As Of October 25, 2006		\$3,831.27
Receipts		
Love Token Sales	\$423.00	
Total Receipts	<u>\$423.00</u>	
Subtotal		\$4,254.27
Expenses		
CK #1092 2007 FUN Dues	\$15.00	
CK# 1093 Robert C. Newhouse		
Kinkos	\$80.37	
Stamps	\$39.00	
Graphics	\$75.00	
Misc. Postage	\$2.94	
Total Expenses	<u>(\$212.31)</u>	
Balance As Of December 31, 2006		\$4,041.96
Permanent Fund 1-year certificate of deposit		\$1,254.54
Citizens Bank & Trust, Mandeville. LA 70448		
TOTAL Love Token Society Funds		\$5,296.50
Membership as of December 31, 2006	158	

January 1, 2007

Dear Love Token Society Member:

Love Token Society dues for 2007 are due. Dues are \$12.50 per calendar year. If you wish to pay for more than one year you may do so at this time also. TO CONTINUE RECEIVING the "Love Letter" just clip the section below and mail it as soon as possible with your cash, check or money order to:

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We are looking forward to your continued membership and support of LTS.

Sincerely,
Sid Gale

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PAT HAMMOND

HAPPY WINTER – or is it spring? Here in Upstate New York, we don't know what season it is or is supposed to be. According to my calendar it is December 27, 2006, and if my memory serves me right, we should have some of that white stuff (snow) by now. Not complaining mind you, but somewhat disappointed, as I know the children and the skiers must miss the "white stuff." I know I do.

I am still wondering how Santa managed to make his appointed rounds to all the good little boys and girls this Christmas Season. (He made it to my house).

I hope each and every one of you had a joyous Holiday Season with your family and friends. That's what its all about.

If anyone is planning on attending the FUN Convention in Florida this coming January, 2007 please give our regards to all and I would appreciate a report to share with all our members who cannot attend this year.

Take care and God Bless
Pat Hammond

It was started in 1707 by a lonely sailor. Perhaps it was his Valentine to his lover on a far off shore, or a wedding present for his new bride. It will forever remain a mystery what exactly inspired the first Victorian love token. It probably took him several days to shave down one side of the English half-crown. Or maybe he was a master engraver and the initials of his sweetheart and a short love message were an easy task. Little did he know that defacing of a single coin would become one of the most popular ways to express affection in the late 1800s. Victorian love tokens would become the rage until 1909, when federal legislation would bring them to an abrupt halt. They were the forerunners of charm bracelets and lockets. They are, simply, defaced coins.

They became so popular, however, it was hard to keep dimes in circulation. Ninety percent of all Victorian love tokens are on seated Liberty dimes – dimes in circulation from 1870 -90 that depict a woman, Liberty, in a flowing dress sitting down. This was a popular coin used to make Love Tokens at that time Victorian love tokens were also made out of half dimes and nickels and Canadian and English coins were used. A Barber dime, named after the man who designed it, depicts the face of Liberty and was minted beginning in 1883.

It is difficult if not impossible to know the history of each Love Token. While looking and enjoying the beauty of a Love Token, which has a detailed face of the man on the moon, complete with nose, eyes and ears, in its first quarter, one might think maybe they met under the moon.

Each coin tells a story but not every story is known. We have to use our imagination. Some of the coins (Love Tokens) were fashioned into pins, buttons, stickpins or cuff links. They were hung on bracelets or necklaces and became, according to some collectors, a measure of popularity. Some of us collectors cannot get enough of these beautiful engraved coins for our collections.

Although the legislation outlawing the defacement of coins was rescinded in the early 1960s, today's coins would not survive the engraving required to transform them into love tokens. The tokens are pure metal and one of silver was especially easy and quick for engraving.











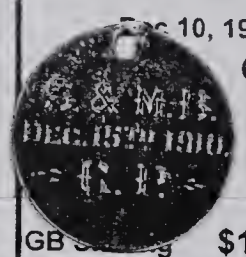
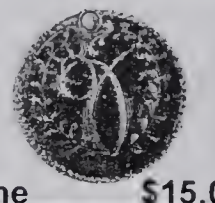
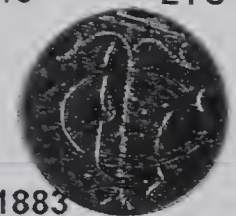


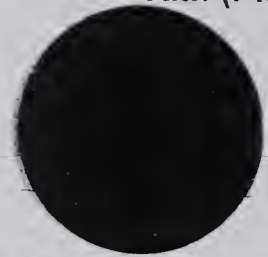

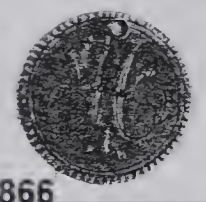










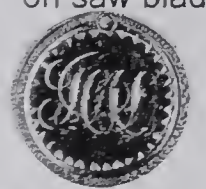






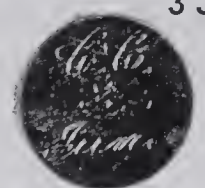



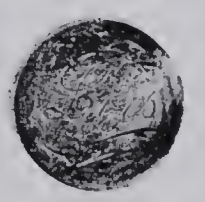
With the price of gold and silver skyrocketing, love tokens today are more scarce and more valuable, not to mention the art of engraving the coins with special initials, symbols, dates, etc., has seemed to fade away.


























We Love Token collectors need to keep our eyes and ears open for that "special engraver" to help keep the joy of "Love Token Collecting" alive.

May you find that special Love Token in the near future.

Pat Hammond

Love Token Sales

<p>P-1 JEB</p>  <p>French Franc</p> <p>\$5.00</p>	<p>P-2 THG</p>  <p>Canada</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p>P-3 MW</p>  <p>German 5 Pfennig</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p>P-4 MLE /WC</p>  <p>Dime</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p>P-5 Manila 1945</p>  <p>1944 Sixpence</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p>P-6 JW / Butterfly</p>  <p>Pin Parts</p> <p>\$15.00</p>
<p>P-7 SD</p>  <p>1857</p> <p>\$9.00</p>	<p>P-8 HEW</p>  <p>1875</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>P-9 WPH</p>  <p>1884</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>P-10 JRT</p>  <p>1887</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>P-11 S & M B</p>  <p>Dec 10, 1910 G P S & M B DEC 15, 1910 GB</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>P-12 EJL / "J" inside a heart</p>  <p>Dime</p> <p>\$15.00</p>
<p>P-13 LTC</p>  <p>1883 5c Plating</p> <p>\$15.00</p>	<p>P-14 Papa</p>  <p>1/2 Dime <1853></p> <p>\$18.00</p>	<p>P-15 Hugo</p>  <p>1887</p> <p>\$18.00</p>	<p>P-16 Floral Wreath (Pictorial)</p>  <p>Canada Cent</p> <p>\$20.00</p>	<p>P-17 MEG</p>  <p>25c 1856 Pin</p> <p>\$18.00</p>	
<p>P-18 M</p>  <p>1866 III Cent</p> <p>\$20.00</p>	<p>P-19 Clara</p>  <p>1884</p> <p>\$20.00</p>	<p>P-20 Minnie</p>  <p>1883</p> <p>\$20.00</p>	<p>P-21 CSP / 1885</p>  <p>1.00 Gold</p> <p>\$55.00</p>	<p>P-22 JJP</p>  <p>1857 2.50 Gold</p> <p>\$85.00</p>	<p>G-1 EMD</p>  <p>1868</p> <p>\$18.00</p>
<p>P-23 Arthur L Wilson 1902</p>  <p>1831 Bust Half (ag)</p> <p>\$40.00</p>	<p>P-24 R. Wells Kenyon in the field Nov 10th in skirt</p>  <p>1867 SL Half</p> <p>\$50.00</p>	<p>P-25 Kathry + Waller Hearts</p>  <p>Peace Dollar</p> <p>\$85.00</p>	<p>G-2 CJP</p>  <p><1853> Half Dime</p> <p>\$18.00</p>	<p>G-3 Martha</p>  <p>Canada</p> <p>\$18.00</p>	
<p>G-4 HAL on saw blade?</p>  <p>1888</p> <p>\$15.00</p>	<p>G-5 LKC</p>  <p>1896 solder</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p>G-6 GGB</p>  <p>1900</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>G-7 LD MT</p>  <p>1901 pin traces</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>G-8 LAH</p>  <p>1901</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>G-9 HT</p>  <p>1901</p> <p>\$10.00</p>
<p>G-10 MW</p>  <p>1902</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>G-11 C C 3 June</p>  <p>1902</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>G-12 WMS</p>  <p>1904</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>G-13 KBM</p>  <p>1905</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>G-14 Blank</p>  <p>1911 4 holes</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p>G-15 Lois</p>  <p>1912</p> <p>\$15.00</p>

G-16. M  1853-O \$1.00 Gold \$55.00	G-17 E  1853 \$1.00 Gold \$55.00	G-18 B  1854 T-2 \$1.00 Gold \$60.00	G-19 FB  T-3 \$1.00 Gold \$55.00	G-20 8 - Love Token (s) Bracelet Florence Cornie Etta Ed Effie George ETG Ernest There are seven with names and 1 with initials. Dates <1853> - 1877 Appears to be original.	
G-21  1875 \$30.00				 \$160.00	
G-22  LL 6th June 1895 \$35.00					
ST-1 M  1849 \$17.00	ST-2 RAN  1877 \$18.00	ST-3 JEE  1884 \$18.00			
ST-4 RW  1840 \$20.00	ST-5 HANK  1887 \$20.00	ST-6 J.D.L  1848 \$20.00	ST-7 Masonic Pictorial  1/2 Dime \$20.00	ST-8 ES  1835 fr-ag Bust Dime \$29.00	ST-9 LCE /1886  3 Cent Silver \$35.00
J-1 Jr  1875 \$9.00	J-2 LNP  1876 \$9.00	J-3 POE  1876 \$10.00	J-4 "G" Notes on Collar  Foreign \$12.50	J-5 FA  1876 \$15.00	J-6 AES / WHR  \$15.00
J-7 RFH  1887 \$15.00	J-8 NAW  1883 \$15.00	J-9 Bert  1875 \$15.00	If you have love tokens that you would like to sell please send them. The Love Token Society charges a \$.50 commission per item to sell		

If you have love tokens that you would like to sell please send them. The Love Token Society charges a \$.50 commission per item to sell members love tokens.

I plan to conduct a auction in addition to the regular love token sale in the next Loveletter.



The Year in Review and What it Means for Love Tokens

ASK MISS LOVE TOKEN

About four to five years ago I wrote a love token price guide. Members then would have read it in the Love Letter and newer members should have received a copy of it with membership. Well things have changed since then, namely inflation and soaring metals prices. I remember when silver ranged from \$4-7 an ounce and gold between \$250 and \$400 an ounce.

At the writing of this update, gold was around \$620 an ounce and silver \$12.50 an ounce. At the beginning of December 2006, gold was running at \$645 an ounce, down from as high as \$720 in May. Silver too was high (\$14 an ounce) at the beginning of December, especially when compared to under \$9 an ounce just one year ago. Gold was running in the low \$500's a year ago.

The rise in silver prices does little to affect silver love tokens, so the previous price chart is not affected. Silver love tokens are valued first by their artwork and quality of engraving and are affected some by the collector coin value. Of course they are ruined as coins, but there is added value in certain tougher type coins or rare date coins.

I remember well the prices of gold love tokens when gold was at \$400. I watched the spot price fall to \$250 and was surprised that love tokens were affected very little. \$2.50 Liberty coins mostly stayed the same but occasionally I could find one \$5 or \$10 less, but then there were always price fluctuations between dealers. To my surprise \$1 gold coins rose from \$30-40 a coin all the way to \$75 and more a coin almost overnight. While gold prices had dropped, love token prices on the whole had gone up during this time. A greater number of collectors in the marketplace and ebay had both contributed to rising prices.

This year with the soaring value of gold, it seems that for any relevant price list one must evaluate the spot gold price of the coin and then factor in how much of a premium should be paid for the artwork and numismatic coin value. Smaller more common denominations like the \$2.50 Liberty may only have a twenty-five to forty dollar premium, while others can be significantly higher. Pictorial love tokens can be worth two to three times the value of their plainer counterparts. Indian head, Classic head, \$1, and \$3 denominations have always been substantially higher than their gold content. These prices reflect higher numismatic coin values and in the case of the Indian, it is scarce and seldom found in the form of a love token. \$10 gold coins may carry a \$50-75 premium and \$20 gold coins are so scarce that there is no real market price to go by so the price is whatever the seller wants and the buyer is willing to pay.

It is hard to say what direction the metals will go this coming year. Many are speculating four digit numbers with gold at \$2000-3000 in a decade. Similarly real estate also rose dramatically over the last few years. In some areas houses doubled and tripled in value due to low interest rates, rising labor /material costs, and previously stagnant prices. However gains were made too fast and the bubble burst with falling prices (30-40% in many places), inability to sell, and many foreclosures on the horizon. Well, the gold price did peak in May at \$720, but has been holding its own around \$600 since.

Gold has always been regarded as a hedge against inflation and it seems unlikely that we will see \$400 gold again. Below is a melt value breakdown for U.S. gold coins (gold: \$620 an ounce). As gold changes in the coming year, consult the Red Book for coin weights and check the daily spot price of gold. Value the love tokens as you will and congratulations to those on a good investment over the last few years.

Spot Prices for 90% Pure U.S. Gold Coins:

(weights signify net pure weight: multiply this weight by the spot gold price)

\$2.50 Liberty (.12094) \$75 melt value + plus artistic value

\$5.00 Liberty (.24187) \$150 melt value + plus artistic value

\$10.00 Liberty (.48375) \$300 melt value + plus artistic value

Weights for other gold coins:

(expect to pay a lot more than melt)

\$1 Liberty or Indian (.04837)

\$3 gold (.14512)

\$20 Liberty (.96750)

Miss Love Token

Carol Harmes Decker

By Ernie Turnes

Everyone knows that the Internet has made many remarkable improvements in the way that society gathers and disseminates information. And the changes continue all the time. Below are a few that have affected our hobby and our club. We may like some of these, dislike some, be neutral about some, and be unaware of many more. Below are some of those Internet Impacts.

Love Token Society members have been able to get to know other members better. Before the Net, we might only meet and then communicate with one another as a result of attendance at annual conventions of the American Numismatic Association and Florida Unlimited Numismatists, where LTS holds its meetings. Today, email allows instant communication with one another. (Cheaper long distance phone rates have also improved member-to-member communications.)

On-line auctions have pretty much brought an end to the auctioning of material through our newsletter. It's difficult to compete with the technology available through services like eBay, the on-line auction with which I am most familiar.

The Net gives us exposure to so much more hobby information and material. With on-line auctions, I see, learn about, and am able to buy love tokens I would never know about otherwise.

We can advertise our hobby and club by referring people to our web page. Sid Gale does this when he consigns items on eBay. Collectors and prospective members can also learn about our club through links with other numismatic organizations such as the ANA.

We have experimented with distributing the Love letter on-line. The net allows the immediate and clear transmission of love token images, features not available through a paper-only newsletter.

The exposure of love tokens on-line has, I believe, contributed to the increase in the value of our collections. On-line "chat rooms" allow us to ask questions and give and get answers.

Email allows us to transmit photos to others. A few years ago Sid emailed me the pictures in the story that he wrote about his research on a love token bracelet that his son had found at an estate auction. I turned his article into a talk at a Baltimore Coin Club meeting. People loved the photos, which had been put on a CD and projected with a laptop computer. You can also email pictures of on-line auction material to others that collect.

The Internet will continue to change our hobby, in ways that most of us probably can't even imagine.

Ernie Turnes



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DESPARATELY SEEKING NEW COIN SALES PERSON!

PLEASE CONTACT SID GALE FOR ALL THE DETAILS 225-664-0718, SIDGALE@COX.NET

There are two pages of Love Tokens for sale in this newsletter. As in the past, starting from the time the first person contacts me, until five days have passed, anyone calling can order up to five tokens only. After the five days if you wish to order more you can call and place that order. By doing this, more people will get an opportunity to purchase the tokens they are wanting.

The position of Love Token Sales is available. It is a very interesting and enjoyable assignment. It provides the opportunity to study a large quantity of love tokens and "meet" LTS members as they call in to order love tokens. If interested please call me and I will explain in detail what is required.

Barber Dimes dated after 1893 are difficult to find if you happen to be collecting by date. Note there are several included at the bottom of page 1.

The sale will begin on **Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007** at 1200 CST. Call me at 225-664-0718 or email at sidgale@cox.net. I will not accept calls or emails made before the start time (12:00 Noon Central Standard Time).

If you would like to view the love tokens on line go to:
<http://showoffcoin.com/lovetokens> and/or
<http://members.cox.net/sidgale>

If you would like to zoom in or out on them, email Sid at sidgale@cox.net or call 225-664-0718, and he will send the pages in another format so you can.

Ordering Love Tokens

Please made checks payable to:

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225-664-0718

In remitting, please do not forget to include the postage as follows:

Orders

up to \$ 50 - add \$2.00
up to \$100 - add \$3.25
up to \$150 - add \$4.00
up to \$200 - add \$5.00
up to \$300 - add \$5.50
up to \$400 - add \$7.75
OVER \$400 - add \$9.25

Even if you call and are not able to reach me, please leave your choices on my answering machine or voicemail. I will always get the message, so you have a better chance to get the coins you want.

**I WILL STRESS AGAIN, DO NOT JUST
SEND PAYMENT FOR COINS. YOU MUST
PLACE THE ORDER BY PHONE OR E-MAIL.**

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COIN SALES

February is synonymous with Valentine's Day and a feature on Love Tokens seems appropriate for such a day. It seems especially appropriate that Ed Valentine supplied most of the featured Love Tokens. Though Love Tokens have a relatively short history, as we measure time, the history of Valentine's Day can be traced to ancient times.

The Romans celebrated a festival for lovers that they called the Feast of Lupercalia. Young people chose partners by drawing names from a box. The partners then exchanged gifts as a sign of affection. The young people often continued to enjoy one another's company long after the festival and many such courtships ended in marriage.

After Christianity had spread over much of the known world, churchmen tried to infuse a Christian meaning into what had always been a pagan festival. Pope Gelasius in 496 A.D., changed the Festival of Lupercalia on February 15th to Valentine's Day on February 14th. In spite of the Church's efforts to make Valentine's Day of religious significance, it has retained its sentimental meaning to the present time. Historians cannot agree completely on the identity of St. Valentine; there were two of them.

One of them was a priest who lived in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. The Romans jailed him for aiding the Christians. People believed that he cured his jailer's daughter of blindness. About 270 A.D., he was beheaded on Palatine Hill at the site of an ancient altar to Juno. Many years later Christians named a gate in Rome, Porto Valenini, after him.

The other St. Valentine was a bishop of Terni, who was persecuted for converting a Roman family to Christianity. He was beheaded in Rome about 273 A.D. It is very possible that both acts of martyrdom may be

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February 19, 2007

Dear Love Token Society Member:

On March 1st, I will be mailing invoices to those who have not paid their dues by Feb. 25th. Please send your dues now to save mailing expenses. Thanks to everyone who has done so.

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We are looking forward to your continued membership and support of LTS.

Sincerely,
Sid Gale

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different developments of the same original account and refer only to one person. St. Valentine's Day, as a lover's festival, has no relation to St. Valentine or to any incident in his life.

These customs seem to be connected to either the pagan Roman Festival of Lupercalia, or the spring season in general. One old belief has it that the birds choose their mates on February 14th.

Historians have little documented evidence of the early Valentine's Day celebrations. According to *Popular Antiquities*, published in 1877, people in England observed the holiday as early as 1446. The young people at that time chose their Valentine partners by writing the names on slips of paper and then drawing the slips from a vase.

An account of the celebration in the 1700s, describes how groups met in the homes of the gentry on the eve of Valentine's Day. After drawing lots, each young man wore his lady's name on his sleeve for a period of time. Such a custom may have been the origin of the expression; "He wears his heart on his sleeve."

Love Tokens, as we know them today, were preceded by the bent and broken silver and gold coins mentioned in Shakespeare and other poets as "Love or Marriage" tokens.

Valentine's Day in the United States became popular about the time of the Civil War. That, in turn, precipitated a rise in the popularity of engraved coins as Love Tokens. Their popularity reached a climax between 1880 and 1890, when the U.S. Government stepped in and declared that defacing coins was illegal. The accepted reason for the action was that too many coins, especially dimes, had been taken out of circulation for use as Love Tokens.

The April 1882 issue of the "American Journal of Numismatics" states that, "A craze is prevalent among school girls, who beg small silver pieces of their sweethearts and friends, one side of which having been smoothed, is engraved with the initials of the giver. The greater the variety in size, or mintage, the more desirable is the necklace. A somewhat similar taste has led to a call on the mint for new ten cent pieces, to be used in making bangles, and the demand has at times exceeded the supply."

Many Love Tokens were engraved by jewelers and watchmakers in local stores. A greater number were made by practicing artisans at county fairs.

The simplest was a coin smoothed on one side (usually the reverse, so the date remained), and engraved with the initials or name of the giver. The more elaborate Love Tokens embodied a scene of particular importance to the couple along with the initials.

The most elaborate Love Tokens of all were those that were cutout, enameled or had gold applied on a silver coin.



Numismatic Scrapbook, Feb. 1976

WANTED:

A new year brought a new member to our family, a grandson! With that we are looking for a love token with the initials "JCT," the name "Christian" or the date "January 2 (any year)". Hopefully, one of our readers can help.

(evturnes@juno.com, or (843) 903-1223 or address on bottom of page 1)

THANKS, Ernie Turnes

by Michael Rice

Did you ever discover an old coin thrust deep in your grandmother's button box, or little basket of curios, with the venerable Widow of Windsor, Queen Victoria, on one side, and surprisingly, an intricately engraved set of initials on the other?

What you've found is a long-ago expression of one person's feelings for another - a love token.

This custom of creating unique examples on coin of the realm probably originated in England of William and Mary in the late 1600s, flourished through the last century, and faded with the First World War and the onslaught of preprinted sentimental greeting cards.

The stories these tokens could tell! Records of births, deaths, marriages, happy occasions and sad, allegiance, snippets of scripture and frequently, the pledge of love on Valentine's Day, appear on a variety of coins, from the humble silver five-cent piece to the Yankee double edge.

Girls collected them like fraternity pins - one from each swain. Mothers wore bracelets of tokens, each with the name of a family member, while many tokens were simply carried as lucky pocket pieces.

"The gift of my father, W. Joiner, being the only penny he earned on the day of my birth, August 24, 1852," reads one.

"My heart is true Tho' far from You," proclaims another.

A third has a memory on each side: "Swallowed April 18 at 6 p.m." and "Recovered April 20, 1889."

A coin collector might be aghast at the damage done to an otherwise valuable sixpence or silver dime. The coins were pierced with holes, had pins mounted on the back to make brooches, or had loops soldered on for necklaces or watch fobs.

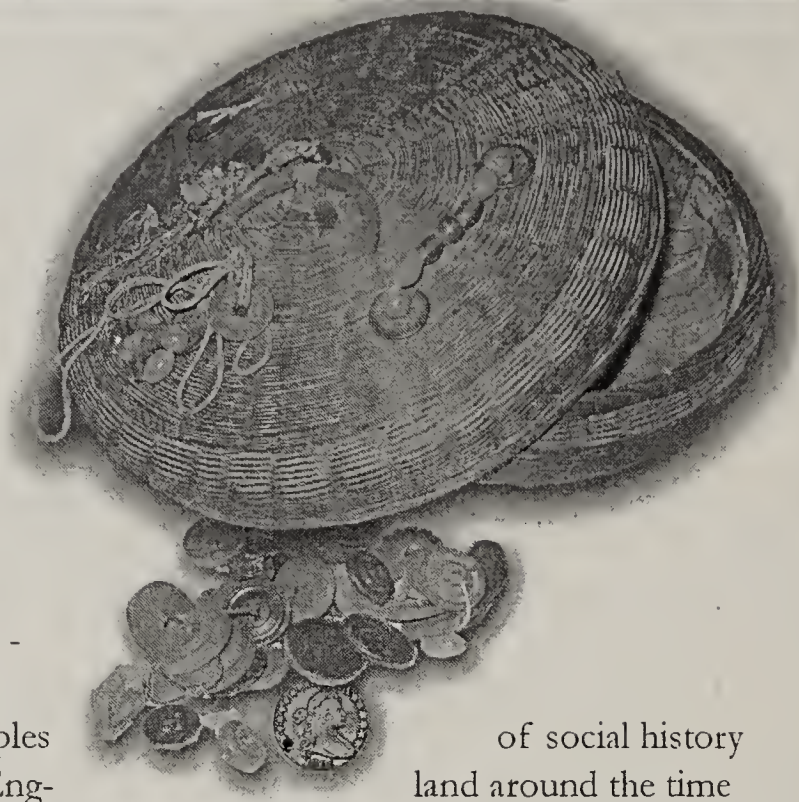
Such a find is a treasure to someone who sees beyond the coin and pictures painstakingly carved, maybe by candlelight, on what might well have been a day's wages.

The oldest piece I have is a halfpenny of William the Third from about 1695. The engraving is quite faint, but interestingly the edges have been bent in opposite directions. This was carried in a pocket or purse with other changes, and the bending served to identify it so it wouldn't be spent.

It's difficult to put a price on love. Many tokens come on the market as junk silver, sold by persons lacking in sentiment, perhaps without ties to their family history, or simply not aware of the story behind a piece.

I can only guess at the stories, but with imagination, I'll view my little collection with pleasure for a long time to come.

Michael Rice is a coin collector and hobby-magazine writer, Times-Colonist, Feb. 14, 1984



RULES:

Auction/Mail Bid Terms of Sale:

1. No buyer fee. Seller pays \$.50 per lot.
2. Sellers may place a Reserve Bid. Bidders will be told if the item the are bidding on has a reserve.
3. All winning bids over \$15.00 will be reduced to 10% above the second highest bid. No bids under \$15.00 will be reduced.
4. Closing date for the auction will be Wednesday, Mar. 7, 2007, 12Noon CST. Phone bids are encouraged, but the only information given will be the second highest bid.

Item Description

P-1 The initials **JM** within a **horseshoe**. Nice Border. 1883 dime - no solder marks.

P-2 The initial **J** on a Type-2 \$1.00 gold dollar

S-1 The initials **AM** on an S-mint Twenty Cent Piece (20c) Eagle is F-VF.

Nice border.

S-2 Black Enamel **B** surrounded by fine detail on reverse of a 1867 Half Dollar.

S-3 **Lizzie** from **KJW** on one side and Intertwined 1895 on the other side of a \$2.50 gold coin.

P-3 **MM** with border on Type-3 \$1.00 gold dollar.

P-4 **JLG** on obverse of a 1856 \$3.00 gold coin.

P-5 Six \$1.00 gold love tokens on a 14k hinged bracelet with safety chain.

From left to right Type-1 **FAM**; Type-2 **ISH**; Type-3? **ASH**; Type-1 **CAM**; Type-1 **FRM**; and T-3 **FCS**.

P-6 High grade 1831 Bust Half. **Mr. H.B. Harper** is engraved in the field on the left side and **June 3d '44** is engraved in the field on the right.

P-7 **AT Jr** and a nice border are engraved on the reverse of a XF 1877 Half Dollar.

S-4 **MEH** engraved on a 1878 8 Reale. Working Pin.

S-5 **ECL** wigth a nice border engraved on a 1885 Morgan Dollar. Working pin.

P-8 **FMS** with detailed deeply engraved borders on 1884 Morgan Dollar. Working pin.

P-9 **BFG** with letters highlighted with black enamel on 1876 Trade Dollar.

Solder marks on reverse.





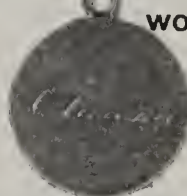
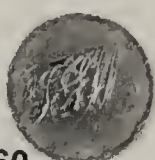





























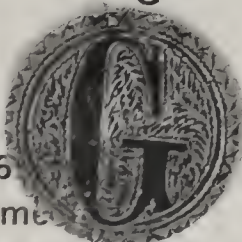


GB-1 **To My Friend Clestina** with affection from **JR**. Nice border. 1965 Canada Dollar.

P-10 1883 Hawaii 25c. **FBA Feb. 22- '02** engraved in the lower left filed. Coin grades XF.

P-11 5 1883 Hawaii 10 cent pieces made in to a bar p;in. **JH**; **JDR**; **FMW**; **PCB**; and **FHS**.

E-1 **Sailboat** with full sails on one side; **JCB** on the reverse side.

















Love Token Sales

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Mail Bid Auction

The love tokens on this page will be auctioned. Please refer to the auction rules before bidding. Also refer to the detailed description of each item in the sale. You may begin submitting bids when you receive the newsletter. The auction will close at the time indicated in the rules section..

Happy Bidding

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Love
Love Token Society Newsletter
Letter

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STILL SEEKING NEW COIN SALES PERSON!

PLEASE CONTACT SID GALE FOR ALL THE DETAILS 225-664-0718, SIDGALE@COX.NET

There are two pages of Love Tokens for sale in this newsletter. As in the past, starting from the time the first person contacts me, until five days have passed, anyone calling can order up to five tokens only. After the five days if you wish to order more you can call and place that order. By doing this, more people will get an opportunity to purchase the tokens they are wanting.

The position of Love Token Sales is available. It is a very interesting and enjoyable assignment. It provides the opportunity to study a large quantity of love tokens and "meet" LTS members as they call in to order love tokens. If interested please call me and I will explain in detail what is required.

Barber Dimes dated after 1893 are difficult to find if you happen to be collecting by date. Note there are several included at the bottom of page 1.

The sale will begin on **March 1, 2007 at 12Noon CST.** Call me at 225-664-0718 or email at sidgale@cox.net. I will not accept calls or emails made before the start time (12:00 Noon Central Standard Time).

If you would like to view the love tokens on line go to:
<http://showoffcoin.com/lovetokens> and/or
<http://members.cox.net/sidgale>

If you would like to zoom in or out on them, email Sid at sidgale@cox.net or call 225-664-0718, and he will send the pages in another format so you can.

Ordering Love Tokens

Please made checks payable to:

Sid Gale
P.O. Box 2351
Denham Springs, LA 70727
225-664-0718

In remitting, please do not forget to include the postage as follows:

Orders

up to \$ 50 - add \$2.00
up to \$100 - add \$3.25
up to \$150 - add \$4.00
up to \$200 - add \$5.00
up to \$300 - add \$5.50
up to \$400 - add \$7.75
OVER \$400 - add \$9.25

Even if you call and are not able to reach me, please leave your choices on my answering machine or voicemail. I will always get the message, so you have a better chance to get the coins you want.

**I WILL STRESS AGAIN, DO NOT JUST
SEND PAYMENT FOR COINS. YOU MUST
PLACE THE ORDER BY PHONE OR E-MAIL.**

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Love Letter

Love Token Society Newsletter



Those who have been collecting love tokens for a period of time soon find out that engraved coins are not the only tokens of love. Welch carved wooden spoons, valentines, thimbles, and so on are considered by other collectors to also be "love tokens." What is interesting is when an non-coin becomes a part of our collections, might be considered a crossover item.

During the early 1900s, postcards were a popular method of correspondence. The cards were useful as quick notes to update friends and family, an "I'm thinking of you," or just a beautiful graphic image to share. Often, and lucky for us, these cards were saved in albums along with trade cards which were decorative art prints with advertisements on the reverse and often with a company name on the front. Scrapbooking was very popular then and has seen renewed interest.

The postcards of interest to love token collectors are those that have a caption "A Token of Love" and are often printed with images of couples, hearts, flowers, or occasionally children. I probably have amassed 20 different cards over the last ten or twelve years. Love token exhibitors often use these period pieces in their exhibits for esthetic visual impact and color.

What is both amusing and surprising is when a present-day item surfaces at the least expected time and place. A few years ago I was alerted to an item being sold at Cracker Barrel. Would you believe they were selling love tokens? Again, they were not what we have come to know as love tokens, but they were made-up fantasy medallions, that also came with a printed brief history of love tokens.

Once again I stumbled on another find at, of all places, Wal-Mart. There in the fabric and crafting section, I found a love token for under a buck! This time it was a set of three round charms, each the size of a cent and all stamped with a different message: "Friends Forever," "Good Luck" and my favorite "Token of Love."

Write to us with your interesting stories and finds. And, as always, happy hunting.

Sincerely, Miss Love Token

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**HELP WANTED for
LOVE TOKEN SALES**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Funds		
Balance As Of	February 15, 2007	\$4,171.12
Receipts		
Membership Dues	\$925.50	
New Members	25.00	
Interest 2/28	1.58	
Interest 4/1	1.84	
Total Receipts	<u>\$953.92</u>	
Subtotal		\$5,125.04
Expenses		
CK# 1096 Robert C. Newhouse		
Newsletter # 229	\$295.66	
Ck# 1097 Office Depot- Invoice Supplies	15.31	
Ck# 1098 USPS-Stamps Invoice	33.15	
Total Expenses	<u>(\$344.12)</u>	
Balance As Of	April 11, 2007	\$4,780.54
Permanent Fund	1-year certificate of deposit	\$1,254.54
	Citizens Bank & Trust, Mandeville, LA 70448	
TOTAL Love Token Society Funds		\$6,035.46

Membership as of April 1, 2007	159
New Members	
2009	Sealann Longwell 821 East Lakeview Baton Rouge, LA 70810
2010	Marcia E. Wyman 109 School St. Concord, NH 03301
2011	Andrew Howard 531 W. 112th St. Apt 1E New York, NY 10025

Love Tokens SALES REPORT

We sold \$2,485.00 worth of love tokens, \$4,792 in regular sales, and \$1,693 in the auction.

Sid Gale

WHAT WILL IT SELL FOR? ERNIE TURNES

It's difficult to predict the final price of an item being sold at auction. I find this to be particularly true on eBay. I often see what appear to be common pieces (in design and initials) that attract very competitive bidding, and therefore high final selling prices—much higher than I would expect. And sometimes you find pieces that sell for much less than you expect. This second situation recently happened to me.

In a recent auction I saw two love tokens being sold as one lot. One of the coins is a US seated half dime featuring two initials. While it is not particularly attractive, it did offer some options to the collector looking for particular initials. This one could be MH, HM, WH or HW. But the other piece is the one that interested me. It is a Great Britain 3 pence piece engraved with the name Agnes. This one is also plain in design. But I wanted it because Agnes is the name of my sister-in-law's mother, who had recently passed away. I bid the minimum bid early, expecting the bidding to advance because love tokens with names seem to draw more interest. I kept watching, but no other bids. I wasn't able to be on-line at the end, so I was surprised to learn the next day that I had won the lot for the starting bid.

I mailed the piece to my sister-in-law today along with an article from a previous issue of the Love Letter explaining love tokens. I'll be interested in her reaction.

I was lucky this time, but it's difficult to predict those final prices!

Hi All. We here in upstate New York got a White Valentine's gift instead of a Red one. Guess winter is finally here. I love it. I enjoy looking out my back windows into the woods and seeing the beautiful new, white snow on the bare trees. God is good.

I read an interesting article in one of our local newspapers this past January, 2007, and would like to share some of it with you. First some interesting information I found about different kinds of tokens.

WHY TOKENS? That's an interesting question with many possible answers.

1. To provide sufficient currency for small change. Examples would be the Talbot, Allum, and Lee Tokens of 1794-1795, which were widely accepted in the days before the Mint could supply the cent needs of the nation, Civil War store cards, and even private gold coins of California, which were "small change" compared to the \$50 slugs. Closely related to this purpose is that of providing currency in places remote from banks, as with lumber camp, plantation, and general store tokens.
2. To provide the convenience of a single piece representing a denomination that is not coined. Most transportation tokens fall into this category (7.5 cents, 60 cents, etc.) as do 12.5 cent drink tokens and some video game tokens (sold at 3 for a dollar).
3. To make change for the smallest denomination coined. Sales tax tokens (with denominations of 1 mill, 1/5 cent, 5 mills, etc.) are the commonest examples of these, but there are also fractional-cent milk and bread tokens of the Depression.
4. To provide a discount. Many general store tokens were sold at a discount from face value to induce the farmer to trade at the store, and some modern tokens actually state that they are good for a discount, either a percentage or a fixed amount (\$5 on a suit, \$25 on a player piano, etc.)
5. To extend credit. Coal company store tokens, U.S. plantation tokens were issued for this purpose.
6. To stimulate sales. This is a primary or secondary purpose of many modern tokens, and is accomplished in various ways: (a) the token is a metal coupon, offering a percentage discount or some

amount off the regular price, (b) the token is a metal trading stamp, (c) the token is used to give a discount on a volume purchase, (d) the token has no exchange value as such, but is a premium, souvenir, or lucky piece.

7. To provide membership in a church or society, or to limit some commodity or service to certain persons or to limit customers to certain groups. The earliest examples of tokens used as a means of restriction in the United States are Presbyterian communion tokens, of which the New York Associate Church (New York, N.Y.) piece of 1799 is the earliest dated specimen. Beginning in the mid-19th century many Masonic Lodges began using Mark Pennies as a sign of membership, and other fraternal orders have followed. Drink and betting tokens issued by lodges also have this function.

This brings me to the article I read in one of our local newspapers about the "Church Penny." According to the article, this original Albany church penny sold for \$64,000 recently. The penny was minted for the First Presbyterian Church of Albany in 1790, about the same time that Alexander Hamilton was a parishioner. But other information about the penny, including theories on how it was used, is speculation. Some believe these pennies were received by church members to indicate that they took communion or were meant to be given as a gift, said Mark Borckardt, senior cataloguer at Heritage Auction Galleries in Dallas.

The Rev. Glenn Leupold, co-pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, said the penny functioned as sort of a church offering gift certificate. "It was a coin you could put on the offering plate that represented an amount you had already given to the church in advance," he said. "If I said I was going to give a dollar a week, I would put in one of these coins"

The Walter H. Breen Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins offers a more intriguing theory. It suggests that, at a time just after the Revolutionary War, when emotions about religious persecution were still running high, the coins were used to identify



PAT
HAMMOND

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

church members, so royal spies could be kept from attending services and betraying them.

A handful of the 1,000 or so Albany church pennies initially minted, remain in circulation. Borckardt said no pennies from any other American church are still in circulation and he doubts any others were ever minted. "Maybe we were the only ones who thought that would be a useful way of keeping track of finances," said Leupold.

The penny sold recently was part of a parcel in the Heritage Auction Galleries' January public auction. Apparently this 217 year-old copper "Church Penny" reads "D Church Penny" on one side and the other side is smooth and blank.

I found this article very interesting as I am from that general area and still drive past that particular Church from time to time.

How many more interesting stories are hidden in the past? We all need to keep "digging" and share our fun findings with all.

*Happy Love Token Hunting & God Bless,
Pat Hammond*

CONGRATULATIONS!

SIMCHA LAIB KURITZY

Simcha Laib Kuritzky of Silver Spring, MD, received the best-in-show exhibit award for his display entitled "Engraved Coins as Judeo-Christian/Neo-Pagan Amulets" at the American Numismatic Association 2007 national Money Show™ in Charlotte, NC, March 16-18.

In recognition of his efforts, Kuritzky received an engraved Charlotte medal, a certificate, and a 1924 Saint-Gaudens \$20 gold piece donated by Bill Shamhart and Pinnacle Rarities.

The first runner-up was Steven J. D'Ippolito of Peyton, CO, for his exhibit, "The Development of the Russian Double-Headed Eagle as Seen on Ruble Coins." James E. Cain of Louisville, KY, was the second runner-up for his exhibit, "De Vita Caesarum." D'Ippolito and Cain received certificates for their accomplishments.

The People's Choice Award was presented jointly to two exhibits dealing with Bechtler gold coins. The Bechtler family represented by Viviane-Bechtler Smith, Jaime Franki and Gregory Field of the Charlotte Coin Club entered an exhibit titled "Bechtler Family Collection." The Rutherford Heritage Council (a Rutherford, NC organization) presented an exhibit titled "Bechtler Gold." For their efforts, each exhibit received a plaque.

The Bennett family's Young Numismatists from Gaffney, SC, swept the National Coin Week Exhibit awards. First place went to Stephen Bennett for his exhibit "The US Mint Presidential Medals: The Miniature Collection." He received a plaque, an engraved Charlotte medal, and a scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. Second place went to Benjamin Bennett and third place was awarded to Stephen Bennett. Benjamin and Stephen each received plaques recognizing their achievements.

National Coin Week exhibits are intended to be suitable for display in unsecured public locations, such as libraries and schools. Therefore, there is a \$250 limitation on the value of the numismatic materials in exhibits in the competition. In all, 11 exhibits competed for awards.

Numismatists from the Charlotte area and around the country have shown their enthusiasm for exhibiting, mounting 37 competitive exhibits in 123 cases - more than have ever been shown at an ANA National Money Show.

In each of the six classes, first-place winners received an engraved Charlotte medallion and a certificate. Second and third-place winners received certificates. Congratulations to the following award winners:

Class 1: History and Politics (exhibits dealing with historical or political events)

First: James E. Cain, "De Vita Caesarum"

Second: Toney Cribber, "The City of Charleston Free Badge"

Third: Tony Chibbaro, "The Rise and Fall of General Nathan G. 'Shanks' Evans"

Class 2: Economics (exhibits dealing with monetary and financial systems or economic events)

First: Dennis Schafleutzel "Initial Types of Bank of Chattanooga Notes"

Second: Mack Martin, "State of Georgia Currency Errors 1862-1865."

Third: Tony Chibbaro, "The World's Smallest World's Fair.. And its Exonumia."

Class 3: Geography (exhibits that describe natural or cultural assets, the distribution of populations, or exploration)

First: Tony Chibbaro, "Three Tokens From a South Carolina Gold Mine."

Second: Steven J. D'Ippolito, "Coinage for Russia's Frontier: the Siberian Coppers of 1764-1781."

Third: Dr. Radford Stearns, "Expansion of Russia as Seen in the Copper Mints of Catherine the Great."

Class 4: Common Elements (exhibits showing material linked by design or theme, such as elephants, or commemoratives of a specific event.)

First: Steven J. D'Ippolito, "The Development of the Russian Double-Headed Eagle as Seen on Ruble Coins."

Second: James E. Cain, "The Labors of Herakles."

Third: Russ Frank, "America's First commemorative and the Unique Circumstances That Led to its Creation."

Class 5: the Arts (exhibits that explore any aspect of fine or applied arts)

First: Simcha Laib Kuritzky, "Engraved Coins as Judeo-Christian/Neo-Pagan Amulets."

Second: Dr. Radford Stearns, "Building St. Peter's Basilica."

Third: Emmett McDonald, "The Evolution of a Design: Bust Half Dollars, 1794-1839."

Class 6: Science (exhibits dealing with theoretical or applied science, including the technology of manufacturing numismatic items.)

First: Emmett McDonald, "Weighing Coin in Berlin c. 1880."

Second: John Eshbach, "A Souvenir of Two Cities."

Third: Benjamin Bennett, "Counterfeiters Beware: Security Features of the US \$20 Bank Note." *continued on pg. 5*

Competitive exhibitors at ANA National Money Shows can use up to 15 exhibit cases for one or a number of exhibits and each exhibitor can enter the same class more than once. With the 15 case allowance, collectors can show larger exhibits that are not accommodated at most other conventions. The Charlotte show featured two competitive exhibits of 8 and 10 cases, both of which were among the winners.

The deadline for applications to exhibit at the 2007 ANA World's Fair of Money® in Milwaukee, (Aug. 8-12) is July 2nd. To obtain an application, write to ANA Meeting Services at 818 N. Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279, or visit the ANA online at www.money.org and click on Numismatic Events>Milwaukee World's Fair of Money>collector exhibit area information and applications.

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SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS

ERNIE TURNES

* There's a web page titled www.webshots.com. From this page you can do a search and view photos of just about any subject or object that you can imagine. You can email these, print them, use them as screen savers, etc. I recently did a "love token" search and got 690 hits. But only a handful were engraved coins. Most of the others were photos of people or other types of tokens of love. It seems that the term "love token" means one thing to us collectors and a number of other things to others.

* Do you have love tokens that no longer "fit" in your collection or that no longer interest you? Submit them for sale in the newsletter. You can set the price or let the person who handles the sales help you set them.

* Speaking of love token sales, it would be nice to have someone step forward to take over this function. Sid Gale pointed out many of the pluses in this activity in the most recent Love Letter. He has done a great job with it in many issues over the years, but would like some relief. It would be a great way for someone to contribute to the success of the Society. If interested, contact Sid.

* Several issues ago there was a story of a love token made from the earliest-dated coin in my collection – a 1781 silver coin from Bolivia. It would be interesting

to learn of the earliest coin in other members' collections. Write to Bob Newhouse.

* Bob Newhouse appreciates receiving articles, even brief items, from members. It makes his job as editor much easier. A favorite piece, an unusual find, needed names or initials, an odd source, eBay experiences, or other stories about love tokens are all good subjects. Let Bob hear from you.

* It was nice to see a love token auction return to the newsletter.

* Coin World had always done a review about something from each issue of the Love Letter, for some reason this coverage has stopped.

* If you attend meetings of other numismatic organizations, take love tokens to generate interest. We all benefit when interest in the hobby grows.

* A recent issue of Coin World contained two dealer ads in which love tokens were offered for sale. Several dimes were shown for \$20 each and a 1945 bracelet – 7 Australian coins – was offered for \$377. I've subscribed for several years, but this is the first time I've seen two ads in one issue. Are we getting "main stream?"

Ernie Turnes



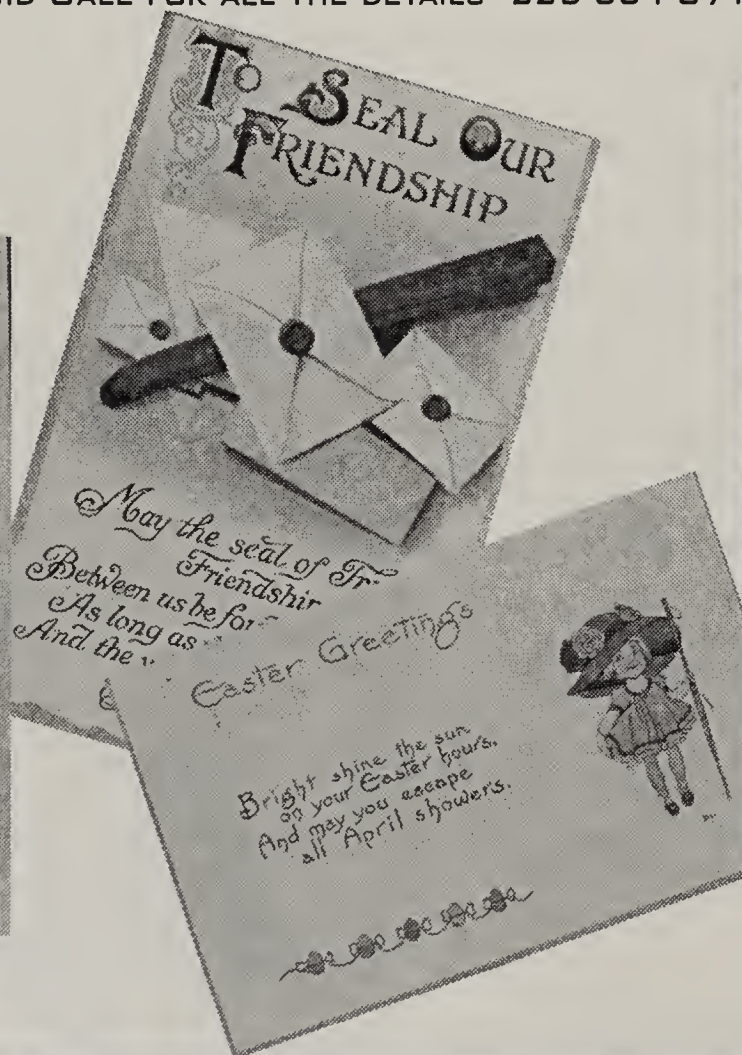
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Sterling Silver "A Token of Love" charm for sale \$12 ea. through Miss Love Token, 941-302-1178

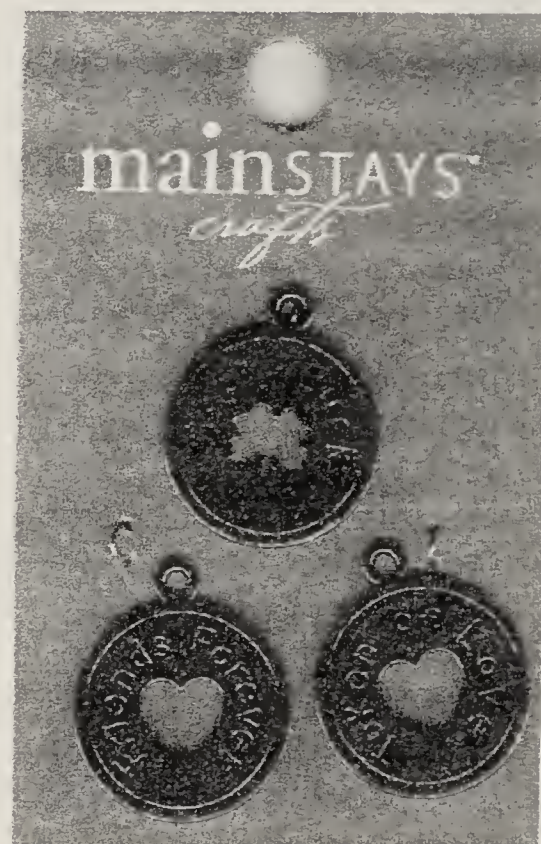


Love Letter

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Modern day love token, sold at Walmart - with Good Luck, Friends Forever, and Token of Love struck in the base metal.



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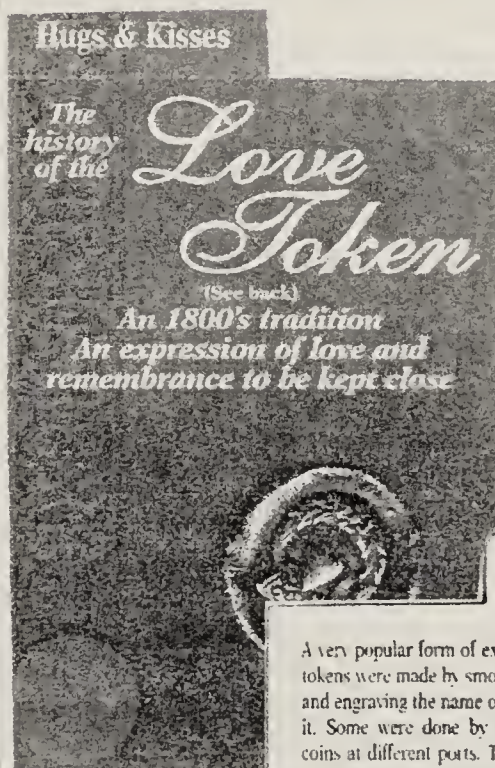
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A very popular form of expression in the 1800's. Love tokens were made by smoothing off one side of a coin and engraving the name or initials of a loved one onto it. Some were done by sailors who collected their coins at different ports. These tokens were presented as an expression of their love, a remembrance to be kept always.

We have created our own version of the love token you can share with someone special. Love tokens are meant to be kept close. To be placed in a pocket, wallet, or purse as a reminder of someone special.

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Back of Token



Modern day love token, sold at Cracker Barrel, with a brief history of love tokens on the back.

By Carol Harmes Decker

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HELP WANTED for
LOVE TOKEN SALES

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Funds		
Balance As Of	April 11, 2007	\$4,780.92
Receipts		
Membership Dues	\$283.00	
New Members	25.00	
Interest 5/31/07	2.45	
Total Receipts	<u>\$310.45</u>	
Subtotal		\$5,091.37
Expenses		
Ck# 1099 Andrew Howard	\$ 2.50	
CK# 1100 Robert C. Newhouse		
Newsletter # 230	\$258.55	
Total Expenses	<u>(\$261.05)</u>	
Balance As Of	June 10, 2007	\$4,830.32
Permanent Fund	1-year certificate of deposit	\$1,254.54
	Citizens Bank & Trust, Mandeville, LA 70448	
TOTAL Love Token Society Funds		\$6,084.86

Membership as of June 1, 2007 161

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DNP

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REQUEST FOR COINS

The Red River Coin Club in Fargo N.D. has a program designed to introduce young folks to coin collecting. One of the programs assists Boy Scouts in earning their coin collecting merit badges. Others attend the club meetings and have the opportunity to earn or draw for coins that they need. One of our members is responsible for this program and asked if any of our Love Token Society members have any old coins or love tokens available for the program. Here is Dave's address and phone number. If you have any spare coins please give him a call or send them to him.

Dave Quittschreiber

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FUN SHOW: Two members mentioned their disappointment that we did not have a meeting in January at the FUN show this year. The reason was because none of the officers of the Love Token Society were able to attend and conduct the meeting. There will be a "Summer Fun show in West Palm Beach in July. I have been unable to find anyone to conduct a meeting there. Anyone going???

COINS AND LOVE TOKENS FOR YOUNG COLLECTORS:

One of our members stated that he works with young collectors in his area and wanted to know if the Love Token Society had any coins or love tokens that we could make available for them. (See Request For Coins)

Are there any other members out there that conduct similar programs for young collectors? If so, please notify Bob Newhouse and provide a brief description of your program. We can provide the information to our members via the newsletter and see if any of our members are interested in helping out. I am sure that most of us have a few items that we can spare for young collectors.



PAT HAMMOND

Hi All, summer is here and I am enjoying the warm weather, much more than mowing & raking. But am thankful I have a nice home and yard to work in. I think I mentioned before, that I have the complete set of LTS newsletters and keep them in numerical order in binders. Well, I often like to pick up one of the binders and read some of the old newsletters. They are so interesting, a great source of information about Love Tokens and our annual conventions. I've attended a few of the conventions and visited our booth. My husband enjoyed collecting gold coins and Franklin Mint medals. In reading one of the older newsletters, (FEB. 1991) I came across this article of good advice:

"If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400.00, that carried over no balance from day to day, and allowed you to keep no cash in your account and every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent, of course! Well, you have such a bank, and its name is TIME. Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balances. It allows no overdrafts. Each day it opens a new account with you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow." You must live in the present-on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success!"

- Author unknown

Please remember, this is your newsletter – send in as many articles as you like – we all enjoy reading and learning.

*Stay healthy, keep smiling, God Bless
Pat Hammond, President,
proud mother of Karie Jean*

LOVE TOKEN SALES:

I apologize for not submitting love tokens for the February issue. My computer quit working a few days before my input was due and by the time I got it back I was unable to meet the publication deadline. I am happy to say we have three pages of love tokens for sale in this issue.

I also request that someone volunteer to assume the position of Love Token Sales. It is a wonderful opportunity to handle a large assortment of love tokens and meet fellow collectors from all over the country.

AUCTION RESULTS: Love tokens worth \$2485.00 were sold from the last Loveletter--\$792.00 in the regular sale and \$1693.00 in the auction. Here are the auction results:

P-1 \$18.00	P-2 \$65.00	P-3 \$44.00	P-4 \$155.00
P-5 \$525.00	P-6 \$75.00	P-7 \$40.00	P-8 \$125.00
P-9 \$135.00	P-10 \$50.00	P-11 \$121.00	S-1 No Sale
S-2 \$100.00	S-3 \$ 90.00	S-4 No Sale	S-5 \$125.00
GB-1 No Sale	E-1 \$ 25.00		

Sid Gale

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE LOVE TOKEN

Coins have always been hoarded and collected. Archeologists have unearthed clay pots filled with coins from ancient Rome. It was common to place coins underground to safeguard them from theft and that tradition is still practiced by some.

In general money is saved for its intrinsic value, but a broad variety of designs has lured collectors interested more with history, artistry, and rarity. Some coins became talismans to ward off evil and others were kept for sentimental reasons. In England, important coins were bent to guard against accidental spending and later evolved into engraved coins. From the early 1600s to the early 1800s, large copper coins were engraved with names, messages, dates, and pictures.

Coin engraving crossed the Atlantic to the U.S. and later examples were known as love tokens. The earliest ones are from the time of the Civil War. Some engraved coins were used as dog tags, while others were keepsakes to remember those at home and afar. During this strife, an engraved coin was welcomed for both value and sentiment.

MILITARY - IRAN
Mesopotamia
Baghdad



2000 Dinar - IRAN

Love tokens reached their peak of popularity in the late 1870s and 1880s. Some were made up through the Columbian Exposition, but their numbers decline greatly in the early 20th century. A few coins were engraved during WWI but they are more militarily related with names, unit information, branch of service, or places stationed.

These were kept as souvenirs and were not usually used in jewelry. Coins engraved during WWI can be described as and grouped with other types of "Trench Art."

In the 1930s and 1940s, love token bracelets were already obsolete and replaced by the newest rage, the "Forget-me-not" bracelet. These were hinged silver plaques bordered at the top and bottom with Forget-me-not flowers and had a space in the middle for engraving. The bracelets were ready-made for the jeweler to engrave them.

No longer did coins have to be prepared by smoothing, drilling, and soldering. Mass production replaced hand craftsmanship and engraving suffered as well. Often the quality was poorer and there were no more engraved pictures. Not all jewelers had engraving skills but they did have machines that



would trace a name using a diamond-tipped stylus. The result was a groove with a burr of metal on each side. Names and initials were flat, since the linear style had the same depth and width throughout.

After WWI, engraved coins did not surface again until WWII. This time they were made more for sentimental reasons, as gifts to sweethearts, mothers, and sisters. The subjects were similar to those of the Victorian period, but the artistry was of a more modern style. Some servicemen would fill their free time fashioning jewelry for loved ones at home. Readily available and found material such as coins, aluminum, and plastic were shaped, molded, and engraved, and the art form became known as "Pacific War Art." Bracelets and pendants were the most popular but occasionally pins can be found.



In their day, many Victorian love tokens were made into bracelets. The most common construction was either coins linked together, or rigid bands with dangling love token charms. Often the single love token found today was dismantled from jewelry. Others were never drilled or looped and never made their way into finished jewelry. The engravings on the coins often represented family members but could also be friends, acquaintances, and beaux.

In the mid 1940s through the 1960s, a different style of charm bracelet came into vogue. Many were fashioned in gold but there were other more affordable versions made in silver or gold filled. Charms were sentimental and given as gifts or to commemorate special occasions. Baby shoes or plaques of boys or girls representing children were common. These were usually engraved with names and birth dates but unfortunately many were not hand engraved.

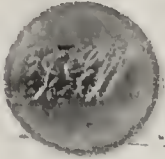
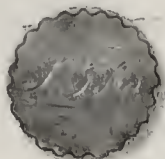





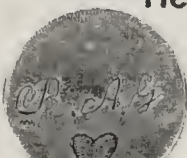



























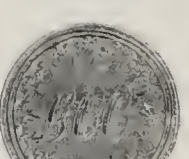



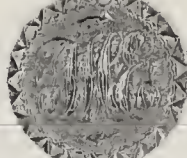

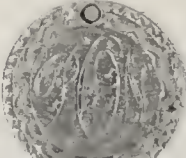





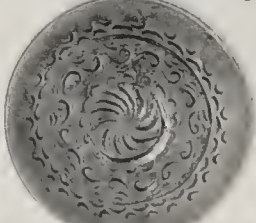





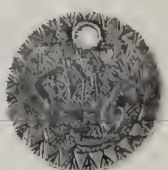



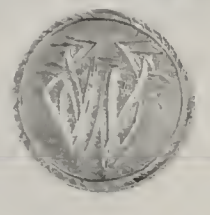


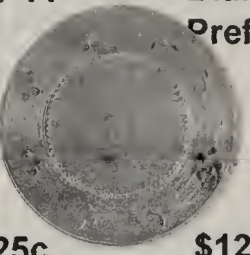




















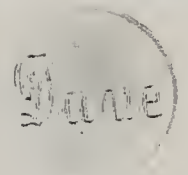








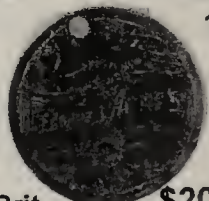

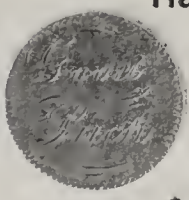


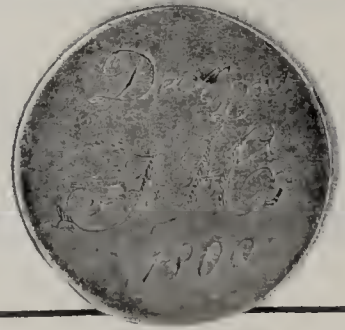
Like most fashions, charm bracelets fell out of favor. Although they were fun, they were also heavy, clumsy, noisy, and could easily catch on apparel. They were replaced by mother's rings to represent the family. Rings could be ordered with up to eight different stones, each representing the birth month of a child. Today with smaller families and less interest in this multicolored look, those wanting to commemorate a birth may opt for a separate ring for each child.






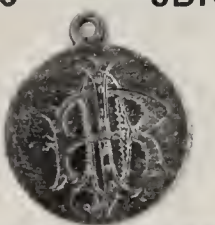


























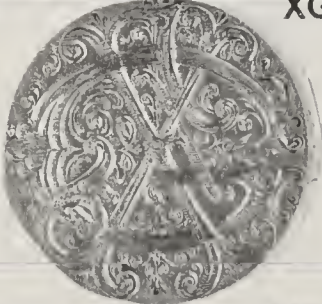

What caused the demise of the love token? Laws regarding mutilating coins were feared and misinterpreted. Also, the popularity of silver declined. By the 1900s silver was considered lower class. Gold gained in popularity followed by platinum, the new white metal, in the 1920s.

Fashion and fads change. Often fashion repeats with a new twist, while fads are generally not revisited. Love tokens evolved over time, but it is unlikely that they will ever recover their heyday popularity because precious metal coins no longer circulate and there are only a handful of artisans trained in the art of engraving. However, love tokens did leave a legacy of commemorating events, people, and places and impacted and shaped jewelry fashions to follow.

By Carol Harries Decker

N-1  1860 Half Dime \$10.00	N-2  1861 Half Dime \$12.00	N-3  <1853> Half Dime \$12.00	N-4  1843 Half Dime \$14.00	N-5  1878 \$8.00	N-6  1885 \$9.00
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As in the past, starting from the time the first person contacts me, until five days have passed, anyone calling can order up to five tokens only. After the five days if you wish to order more you can call and place that order. By doing this, more people will get an opportunity to purchase the tokens they are wanting.

The position of Love Token Sales is available. It is a very interesting and enjoyable assignment. It provides the opportunity to study a large quantity of love tokens and "meet" LTS members as they call in to order love tokens. If interested please call me and I will explain in detail what is required.

The sale will begin on

**June 29, 2007 at 12Noon CST. Call me at
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I will not accept calls or emails made before the start time (12:00 Noon Central Standard Time).

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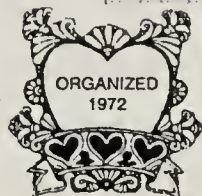
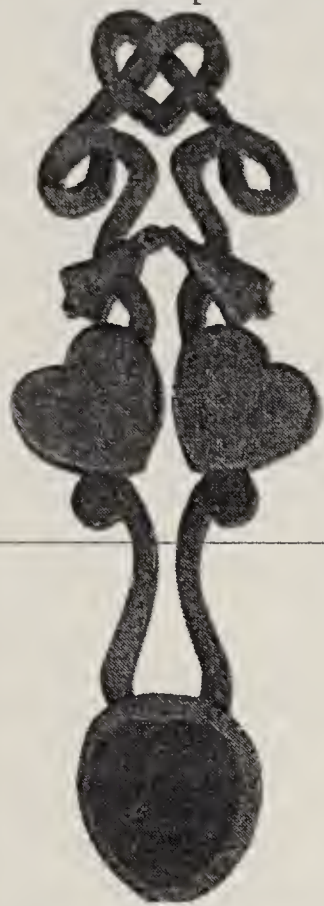
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1900 Barber Dime Curiosity

I came across this 1900 Barber dime that has two lines from a Confederate States of America poem engraved on the reverse. The wordage is from the poem "The Conquered Banner" by Abram Joseph Ryan (1838-1886). I'm guessing that this coin was sold as a keepsake from one of the CSA reunions, maybe the 1905 (the 40th) or 1915 (the 50th) reunion for the Civil War army veterans. I know that the CSA veterans met in New Orleans in 1905. I'm still researching where the 50th reunion was. I have heard through another source that keepsakes, sometimes coins, were sold.

Was this coin in circulation for five years or fifteen before it found its way to the engraver? The answer is not conclusive, merely a guess.

I would grade the coin VG, based on the fact that only a few letters are visible in the band on Liberty's head.

I was wondering if the club has any information regarding this type of inscription on a Barber coin. Any help would be appreciated.

Michael F. Kennedy

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HELP WANTED for
LOVE TOKEN SALES

General Funds

Balance As Of June 10, 2007 \$4,830.32

Receipts

Membership Dues \$62.50

New Members 12.50

Interest 5/31/07 2.45

Total Receipts \$77.45

Subtotal \$4,907.77

Expenses

Ck# 1501

Kinko's \$140.96

Stamps 82.00

Graphics 75.00

Misc. 8.52

Total Expenses (\$306.48)

Balance As Of September 5, 2007 \$4,601.29

Permanent Fund 1-year certificate of deposit \$1,254.54

Citizens Bank & Trust, Mandeville, LA 70448

TOTAL Love Token Society Funds \$5,855.83

Secretary/Treasurer
Sid Gale

New Member

2014 John Frederick
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REQUEST

NO

Ernie Turnes has a new grandchild -- and is now looking for a lovetoken with the letters "LEL" Please contact Ernie at (843) 903-1223 or evturnes@juno.com

Hi all, I'm pleased to be sharing time with you again. Is it me or is time flying by? Summer is almost over AGAIN. Where did it go? I have been very busy this summer, watching two grand-children a good deal of the time (ages 10 and 12) and spending a lot of time driving to and fro. Not complaining, I love all my grand-children (8) very much and enjoy making memories with them.

Has anyone found that "special" love token yet? Looking forward to reading your stories in the LTS newsletters. I learn so much from our members.

Stay healthy, keep smiling, God Bless, Pat Hammond,
President, proud mother of Karie Jean



PAT HAMMOND

Now, let's test your memories.

How many of these phrases do you remember and who coined them?

A fool and his money are soon parted.

Money speaks.

I know of no country, indeed, where the love of money has taken a strong hold on the affections of men.

There are some things that money cannot buy.

Money isn't everything.

The holy passion of friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money.

Money doesn't grow on trees.

Always try to rub up against money, for it you rub up against money long enough, some of it may rub off on you.

Put your money where your mouth is.

The buck stops here.

Money makes the world go around.

For I don't care too much for money, For money can't buy me love.

Show me the money.

You're so money.

Money was never a big motivation for me, except as a way to keep score. The real excitement is playing the game.

I'll bet you a dollar to a doughnut.

As phony as a three-dollar bill.

A Penny for Your Sting

A couple weeks ago, I had the misfortune to be stung by both a bee and a hornet while working in the garden. My arm swelled, so off to the clinic I went. They gave me cream and an antihistamine. The next day the swelling got progressively worse, so I headed to my regular doctor. Infected arm -- needed an antibiotic.

What was interesting is what the doctor told me. "The next time you get stung, put a penny on the bite for 15 minutes." I thought, wow, next time (if there ever is one), I will try it.

Well, that night my neighbor Shelley's niece was stung by two bees. I saw her arm was swollen, so I went in the house to get my money. Taped a penny to her arm for 15 minutes. The next morning there was no sign of the stings. Were we surprised! Her niece, we decided, just wasn't allergic to bee stings.

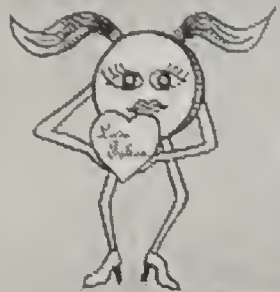
Well, guess what happened again a few days later? I was helping Shelly deadhead her flowers and -- you guessed it -- a hornet stung my left hand twice. I thought, here I go again, back to the doctor for yet more antibiotics.

Well, I promptly taped two pennies to my stings, then sat and sulked for 15 minutes. The coins took away the pain immediately. I still wasn't sure what would happen. In the meantime, the hornet stung Shelly on the thumb. Again a penny.

The next morning I could see only a spot where the hornet had stung me. No redness, no swelling. I went over to see Shelly, and hers was the same. Then Shelly got stung while cutting the grass. Applying the penny worked again.

I just wanted to share this marvelous information in case you experience the same problem. The doctor said the copper in the penny somehow counteracts the bits. I would never have believed it, but it definitely worked for us. We need to keep a stock of pennies on hand at school and at home. Remember this little bit of wisdom and tell your friends and family.





More Love Tokens!

This time "Spoons"

Pictured on the front page, is an antique show find: a hand carved wooden spoon from Wales. Like its 17th century predecessors, this newer 1960's-1970's spoon, still carries the same symbolism. Included is a reprint of the text from the original tag that accompanied the spoon. It lists the meanings behind all the attractive designs.

Like coin love tokens, as well as other works of art, spoons can be plain or as elaborate as the imagination can conceive. Spoon artisans did not let the form of the object limit their work. Sometimes the handle of the spoon became too broad to hold. With such artistic liberties, these cumbersome pieces became mainly ornamental in nature.

In today's culture, it may be hard to imagine a time when gift giving between a man and an unmarried woman was frowned upon unless it was utilitarian. Creativity was needed to get around "the rules". Gifts of love, time, or value had to be respectable. A gift of great value could be disguised as a solid gold thimble. Since spoons were a gift of both love and time many became more and more elaborate until their function was lost.

This spoon, although newer, is hand carved and from Wales. The double hearts show that the couple feel the same way about each other and the bells represent marriage. A single Celtic style heart is positioned at the top and a second heart is used to form the "bowl" of the spoon. These hearts show that the recipient of the spoon holds the heart of the giver.

Most likely this newer spoon was not given as an engagement present but rather purchased for decoration. Spoons like these may be acquired on occasion for anywhere from \$25 to \$95, depending on workmanship, detailing, the particular craftsman, and the venue (antique show, craft show, consignment, or flea market). It is still noteworthy because of its traditions. Love spoons of the period are exceedingly rare and can be found in folk art museums or at very high end antique shows with prices no doubt in the thousands for serious collectors. Visit these related websites: thelovespoongallery.com, love-spoons-wales.co.uk, love-spoons.info

ASK MISS LOVE TOKEN

The John Arnold Collection, Hand carved in Wales LOVE SPOONS

Around the 17th century giving wooden hand carved gifts to loved ones was general all over the country, but the giving of spoons originated in Wales.





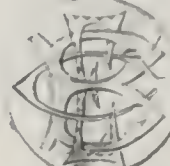




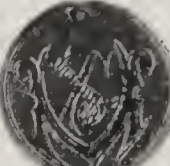









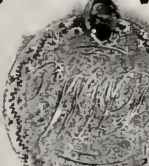








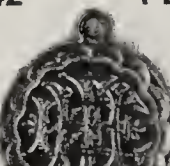


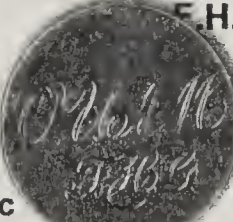


They were given to a girl as a prelude to courting as an indication that the boy was interested in her. This was not necessarily a commitment. There are no hard and fast designs for the spoons. They can be as elaborate or as plain as the imagination of the carver allows. However, various symbols have become traditionally an integral part of the spoon.






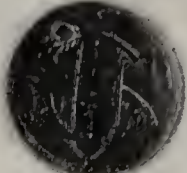




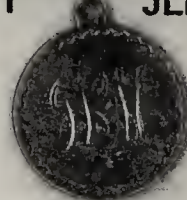


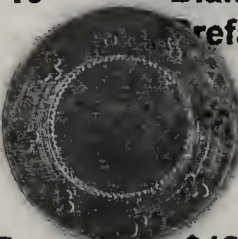




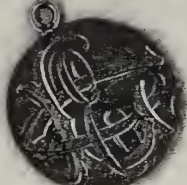

















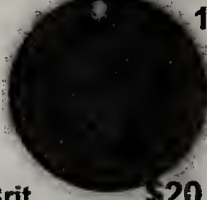
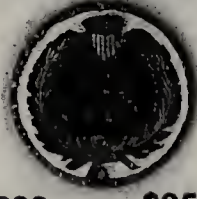




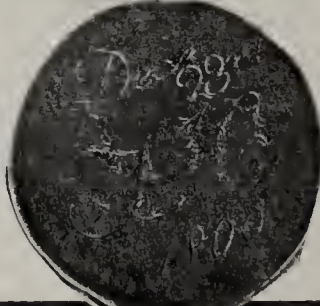
The flat stem of the spoons, often very wide, developed as the carver wanted more room to display his skills. Thus, the spoons gradually evolved further and further away from the original utilitarian designs.

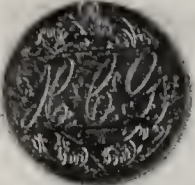

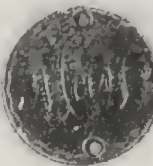











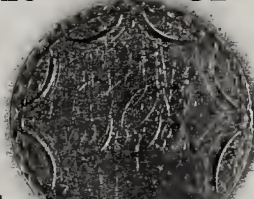












Symbols & their significance

- A wheel... *Willingness to work for loved one.*
- A spade... *Willingness to work for loved one.*
- Keys, keyholes..... *My house is yours.*
- Little house..... *My house is yours.*
- Locks..... *My house is yours.*
- Single heart..... *My house is yours.*
- Double hearts.. *We feel the same about each other.*
- Anchor... *Steadfastness. Or my love is safe with you. Or home to stay.*
- Celtic Cross..... *Faith or Marriage.*
- Vines..... *Growing Love.*
- Trees..... *Growing Love.*
- Leaves..... *Growing Love.*
- Bells..... *Marriage.*
- Horse Shoe..... *Good Luck & Happiness.*
- Barley Sugar Twist... *Derived from the rope theme carved by sailors.*
- Flowers..... *Courtship.*
- Bell in Cage... *Captured Love or number of Children desired.*
Or years together.
- Chain Links... *Captured Love or number of Children desired.*
Or years together.
- Double Spoons..... *The couple.*
- Triple Spoons. *The couple & hoped for family.*

Love Token Sales

<p>N-1</p> <p>VVE</p> <p>Matched Pair</p>  <p>5c</p> <p>Canada</p> <p>\$11.00</p>	<p>N-2</p> <p>VVE</p>  <p>5c</p> <p>Canada</p> <p>\$11.00</p>	<p>N-3</p> <p>SGH</p>  <p>1861</p> <p>Half Dime</p> <p>\$12.00</p>	<p>N-4</p> <p>DJB</p>  <p>1883</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>N-5</p> <p>DSD</p>  <p>1878</p> <p>\$8.00</p>	<p>N-6</p> <p>CEB</p>  <p>1882</p> <p>\$8.00</p>
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Letter

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STILL SEEKING NEW COIN SALES PERSON!

PLEASE CONTACT SID GALE FOR ALL THE DETAILS 225-664-0718, SIDGALE@COX.NET

Love Token Sales: We have three pages of love tokens for sale in this issue. When I "closed" the LL# 231 sale (the last issue) LTS members had bought \$1342.00 worth. Two days later I received another request and sold \$187.00 more. In summary, 74 love tokens valued at \$1529.00 found new homes in LTS member collections.

I have thoroughly enjoyed doing the Love Token Sales; however, it is time for someone to step forward and volunteer to assume the position. Due to other commitments I will be unable to continue after the end of the year (December 2007). I will continue serving as Secretary / Treasurer unless someone would like to volunteer for that position also. Please contact me if you are interested.

This sale begins: Sept. 5, 2007 at 12Noon CST. Call me at 225-664-0718 or email at sidgale@cox.net. I will not accept calls or emails made before the start time.

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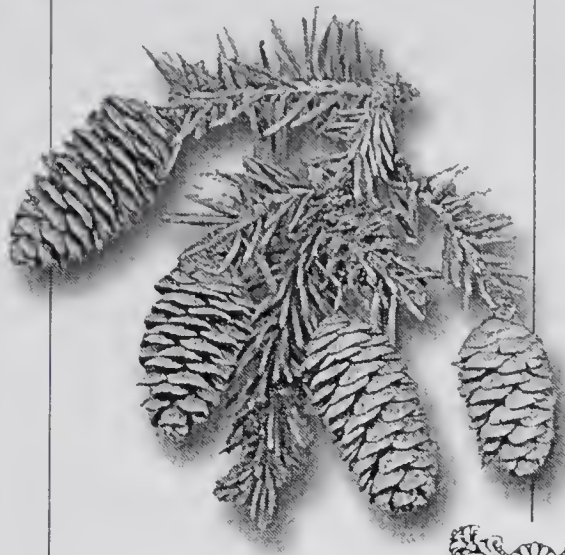
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Love Token Society Newsletter

A LOVE TOKEN NIGHTMARE

A few years ago I wrote a story for the *The Love Letter* about my wife and I stopping at a yard sale and finding a beautiful love token bracelet with the first names and initials of several members of my family. In the story the owner insisted on giving me the piece because it had belonged to her mom and I was interested in it. I then woke up to find that the whole thing had been a dream! Of course, the whole story was made up.

Now I have a real coin dream to tell you about. (Heaven help me - I dream about coins).

In this dream I received a coin in the mail. This apparently was one of those "Buy this first coin at a low price and we'll send out more on approval." Not expecting to want to keep the coin, I opened the envelope rather casually with a pen knife and tore through the coin protective wrap (thin plastic).

It was only then that I saw what I had received. I must have told the dealer that I collect love tokens, because the coin was an 1892 Almost Uncirculated Barber half dollar with a working pin still soldered on the obverse. The reverse had been smoothed and showed a nicely engraved trash can setting in a corner with the word "Janitor" and the initials "CDH" engraved below the trash can. It was subject matter that I had not seen before.

Not such a bad dream, until I tell you that the point of the knife blade had put a deep scratch through the initials and "Janitor." It was at this point (no pun intended) that I woke up - without learning the price, which is a nightmare in itself.

The irony of this scary experience is that the dream took place on the morning after Halloween. And unlike my earlier story, this dream was a real one!

Ernie Turnes

P.S. Maybe I shouldn't have told you that I had a dream about a love token?

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HELP WANTED for
LOVE TOKEN SALES

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Funds		
Balance As Of	October 20, 2007	\$4307.84
Receipts		
Membership Dues	\$25.00	
Total Receipts	<u>\$25.00</u>	
Subtotal		\$4,332.84
Expenses		
Ck# 1505 Robert Newhouse		
Kinko's	\$96.00	
Stamps	41.00	
Graphics	75.00	
Misc.	3.00	<u>\$215.00</u>
Ck# 1506 FUN Dues	15.00	
Total Expenses		(\$230.00)
Balance As Of	December 10, 2007	\$4,102.84
Permanent Fund	1-year certificate of deposit	\$1,254.54
	Citizens Bank & Trust, Mandeville, LA 70448	
TOTAL Love Token Society Funds		\$5,357.38

Membership - 153 as of Dec. 10, 2007

2008 Dues are due as of Jan. 1, 2008

Secretary/Treasurer
Sid Gale

Hope to see you at the FUN show in Orlando, Fl. Jan10-13, 2008.
LTS meeting will be in Room N-321 on Friday, Jan. 11.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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My daughter recently lost her husband (and my great buddy and fishing partner) to a sudden heart attack. She wishes to obtain a love token in his memory. The desired engraved Text is one of the following: "Larry" "LL" "L" Contact: John H. Dabbert, 5207 N Dearing, Parma, Mich 49269 (517-787-4155



Dear Miss Love Token,

You mentioned in your last column that it can be harmful to polish love tokens. So how do I get them clean if they are tarnished?

Sincerely,

Maid to Clean, Manhattan, NY

Dear Maid to Clean,

All methods of cleaning remove a surface layer of metal and oxidation. Some are more harmful than others. I am conservative when it comes to altering the coin's appearance. Unless the toning is too dark for good viewing, I generally leave love tokens as they are. By contrast, there are other dealers and collectors that clean every one they get.

Being in the antique business as well, I have seen my share of silverware that has been polished literally to death, with half or more of the detail missing. Keeping the silverware polished was a ritual tradition among those families which could afford domestic help. Usually they could afford help, whose duty every week was to keep it glistening.

Various family items were passed down to me when my grandmother died and most had been passed down to her and were of the Victorian period. My favorites were cut crystal dresser jars with sterling silver repoussé lids. Repoussé is a method of pressing or hammering thin metal sheets to create an elaborate raised design. This technique was used a lot in the Art Nouveau period. Women's faces, flowers, figurals, scrollwork, and asymmetry were common design elements.

I was lucky that they were in great condition, one was almost charcoal in color. It had not seen a polishing cloth in years and had been boxed in the attic. Another given to me by my mother was also dark in color. She never cared much for polishing, an endless task, and appreciated things for their natural and antique characteristics. I have collected others that have an over polished look. One I purchased had been cleaned so regularly that the high points of the

face were actually worn through. It was a good buy and I paid to have a jeweler fill the pinholes with solder.

Love tokens are thicker metal with no high points, but are still at risk from over polishing. As mentioned in the previous issue, this rounds the sharp, chiseled lines, where the engraved line meets the surface plane of the coin. Greater loss of detail will occur with each cleaning.

If one must clean a love token, treat it much the same as a coin dealer would a collector coin. Swoosh it in a coin cleaner (I like Jewel Luster) for the shortest time needed and then thoroughly rinse it with running water. Beware of any residue not rinsed off for it can adversely alter the surface of the coin over time. I heard one person recommend a quick dip in acetone after the fresh water rinse, is necessary to make sure all the cleaning residue is removed. I have never done that myself. The next step is very important, DO NOT RUB the surface of the coin when drying it. Believe it or not, a paper towel can scratch metal. BLOT the coin dry with the paper towel.

Now, you may follow these steps and still have a coin come out a dull, gray color. This generally is a sign that the coin has been cleaned too many times. Chemical burn can occur, but does not have to be as much a problem for love token collectors as it is for coin collectors. A collector coin would be ruined, but in a case like this, a love token can get a quick top polish with a jeweler's cloth to remove the gray color, restoring its surfaces. Do not use paste polish as it will lodge in the crevasses.

Ask Miss Love Token



Love tokens were polished when they were made, but regular coins are ruined when polished. I would avoid polishing the coin side for this reason. Also only polish as a last resort since it can be harmful if done more than a couple times. Once these steps are complete, place the love token in a 2x2 to keep air away from it. Air is one of the main promoters of tarnish. Hard plastic flips, Cointains, and snap together holders are all fine too, just beware of soft flips containing PVC. Poly Vinyl Chloride, the agent that softens plastic, will break down into a slimy substance over time and will eventually eat into the coin. Many fine coin collections have been ruined by PVC.

Err on the side of caution when cleaning your love tokens. Toning does not have to be a negative attribute. Many antique jewelry collectors do not want to buy cleaned items. In fact, when jewelry items need repair, many jewelers over polish them and harm value as a result. The use of buffing wheels is a common practice among jewelers but is a real enemy of fine antiques. Also, if an item looks too new it can be suspect as a reproduction. Toning or patina helps to verify age and can provide an emotionally felt link to an item's age and the past.

Sincerely,

Miss Love Token

ASK MISS LOVE TOKEN

An educator takes her enjoyment of the hobby one step further
by teaching and learning from others.

Michigan native Kathy Freeland didn't plan on falling in love with numismatics. With a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Michigan State University, master's degrees in reading and library science, and 31 years in academics, she has a scholarly lust for life, but really wasn't shopping for a hobby. Then she met Dan Freeland, an avid coin collector.

"I never collected anything until Dan and I married almost 14 years ago," Freeland says. "He went to lots of coin shows, and since I would go with him, he encouraged me to collect love tokens and music tokens as a way to get involved in the hobby."

Today, she is president of the Michigan Token and Medal Society (and past president of the Flint Flying Eagle Coin Club). "To me, the most appealing thing about numismatics is the opportunity to meet and visit with many diverse people who have a passion for collecting," Freeland says. "When I became involved with our local club, I was amazed at the variety of items numismatists collect. Dan and I definitely share that passion."

An award-winning exhibitor and a certified ANA exhibit judge, she relishes the challenge of numismatics. "I became drawn to exhibiting in 1994 when the ANA held its summer convention in Detroit. It was the first large coin show I had ever attended, and Dan and I were assigned to help with the exhibits," she recalls.

"I was fascinated by the collections people had and admired their style and depth of knowledge. For me, this is the single, most enjoyable thing about collecting – learning from others."

















































And exhibiting gives Freeland ample opportunities to expand her knowledge base. "The biggest challenge of preparing a display is dealing with the exhibit rules," she says. "I continue to grow as judges critique my work and offer suggestions for improvement. I wish more would do that. Sometimes receiving just numbers instead of comments is discouraging, because you don't always know why your display was evaluated the way it was. I know when I judge, I always try to make comments that hopefully are helpful to exhibitors."











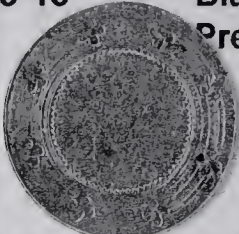













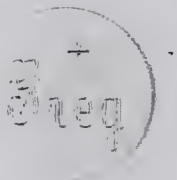
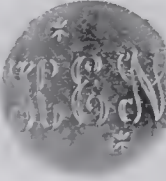



Thanks to her hobby involvement and enthusiasm, Freeland has received scholarships from a variety of organizations to attend five ANA Summer Seminars in Colorado Springs. In 2005 she enrolled in "Coins in the Classroom," an ANA program designed to help educators incorporate numismatics in their curricula.

"I had the opportunity to grow as a teacher of numismatics and have tried to take that understanding with me into my library classes, as well as the classes of other teachers, both in junior high and high school," she says. "This year I shared some of the knowledge I gained from the 'Military Numismatics' course I took in 2006 with students in a history class. We looked at ration cards, tokens, military payment certificates and many other items."

Says Freeland, "While my talk wasn't the most organized I had ever given, the students were enthralled by the material. I was able to communicate my love of the hobby and introduce them to an aspect of history they might not have known."

Barbara J. Gregory, August 2007 Numismatist

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2008 Dues Invoice

December 10, 2007

Dear Love Token Society Member:

Love Token Society dues for 2008 are due. Dues are \$12.50 per calendar year. If you wish to pay for more than one year you may do so at this time also.

To continue receiving the "Love Letter" just clip the section below and mail it as soon as possible with your cash, check or money order to:

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We are looking forward to your continued membership and support of LTS.

Sincerely,
Sid Gale

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STILL SEEKING NEW COIN SALES PERSON!

PLEASE CONTACT SID GALE FOR ALL THE DETAILS 225-664-0718, SIDGALE@COX.NET

I have thoroughly enjoyed doing the Love Token Sales; however, it is time for someone to step forward and volunteer to assume the position. Due to other commitments I will be unable to continue after the end of the year (December 2007). I will continue serving as Secretary / Treasurer unless someone would like to volunteer for that position also. Please contact me if you are interested.

**This sale begins: Dec. 20, 2007 at
12Noon CST, and ends on Jan. 7, 2008.**

**Call me at 225-664-0718 or email at
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